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DXAC VOTE. The results of the DX Advisory Committee's (DXAC) vote on Eritrea was released this past week. The Committee has unanimously recommended that Eritrea be reinstated to the DXCC Countries List. It had been deleted from the list on November 15, 1962. Committee members were convinced that Eritrea has reemerged as a sovereign nation. The vote for the recommended effective date is as follows:

- 9 votes - May 24, 1993 (The majority voted in favor of the official Independence Day.)
- 6 votes - May 24, 1991 (The date of liberation is 1991.)
- 1 vote - April 27, 1993 (The results of the Eritrean referendum were announced and their learder, Issaias Afweras, stated, "Eritrea is a sovereign country as of today.")

This recommendation will now go to the ARRL Awards Committee for consideration. Please do not send QSL cards to the DXCC desk for Eritrea until it has been officially added to the list, and a date for accepting cards has been announced.

FJ, ST. BARTHELEMY ISLAND. An international team of operators will be active from here for the CQ WW Phone Contest in October. The operators will be FJ5AB, FJ5BL, K2IBW and N2HIG. Reciprocal license applications for the American operators will be hand carried to the French PTT in Paris in a few days. Several days before and after the contest N2HIG will operate RTTY from the Island. QSLs for Non-U.S go direct to FJ5BL. U.S. operators and DX RTTY QSLs go to N2HIG.

P29, PAPUA NEW GUINEA. P29VH is active on 75 meters from 1000-1100z with 60 watts. According to ZL4B0, an amplifier is on the way to him from Australia and should arrive in about 3-4 weeks.

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN. The Central Arizona DX Association members Jack/WA7LNU and Frank/OH2LVG will be operating from Simson Bay, the island of Sint Maarten from September 22-28. They will be signing PJ7/OH2LVG on CW/SSB and PJ7/WA7LNU on RTTY. They will also participate in the Scandinavian Activity Contest and the CQ WW RTTY Contest signing PJ8X. QSL via KE7LZ.

T5, SOMALIA. Rob, N3HQW, should be active now as T5/N3HQW, but no spots have been seen on the Ohio/Penn Network as of yet. Rob's operating time is limited due to his work schedule. The following is a schedule that

Rob will try to meet for September and early October:

14 MHz 1200-1500z (if not working)
18 MHz 1500-1700z
21 MHz 1700-1900z
24 MHz 1900-2000z
28 MHz 1900-2000z (if Flux is above 100)
21 MHz 2000-2100z
14 MHz 2100-0100z (if not asleep)

Rob will be on the following frequencies (+/- QRM): 14270, 18150, 21270, 24980 and 28480 kHz. Also, Rob is going to try and rearrange his working hours in November and December in order to spend some time on the lower bands. QSL via WD4NGB.

VK9M, MELLISH REEF (Excerpts from a news release from Murray, WA4DAN):

By the time you read this, the DXpedition team will have begun arriving in Brisbane and plans to depart from Bundaberg, Australia upon the schooner "Nina Q 1", hopefully no later than 1700z on September 14. This is actually about 12 hours ahead of the original schedule. Arrival time at the reef is estimated at 3 1/2 to 4 days, depending on the sea conditions. If favorable sea conditions prevail, the operation may begin late on September 18th. While in route to the reef, the team will be signing VK4CRR/MM on 7180 and 14195 kHz plus other frequencies to be announced. The call sign will be announced just prior to the operation and their operation will last until September 28th. The operators and their primary assignments are: VK4CRR (CW/SSB); VK2BEX & V73C (CW/SSB/RTTY); K5VT, VK2BJL & G3WGV (CW); and P29DX & WA4DAN (SSB). Operating frequencies are:

CW - 1825, 3505, 7025, 10107, 14005, 18077, 21002, 24897, 28005, 50120
SSB - 1825, 3799, 7123, 14195, 18145, 21295, 24945, 28445, 50120
RTTY- 14080 and 21080

Upon arrival at the reef the team hopes to quickly get a couple of the stations operational using one yagi and one vertical while the rest of the team is ferrying gear to the two sites and assembling antennas, tents, etc. They will have two separate self-contained sites and each site will have three stations. QSL via VK4CRR, 26 Iron Street, Gympie QLD 4570, Australia. QSLing will commence by December 1, 1993.

XU, KAMPUCHEA. Mike, VS6WV, has returned to Hong Kong after a successful operation as XU6WV. He will be returning to XU-land probably the third week of October using the same call. Mike has left a 1KW amp in XU-land along with a vertical antenna and generator. Upon his return, he plans to concentrate on 80-40-30 meters, mostly CW. He will especially be looking for U.S. stations for new low band countries and a new zone for those chasing 5BWAZ. There is a possibility he may return to XU again in JAN/FEB of 1994, but it is too early to confirm. QSLs for VS6WV and XU6WV go to K0TLM.

XX9, MACAO. Last week we did not have the QSL information for Tony, XX9GD, but thanks to Nob, JI1MTF, he has supplied the following info: QSL XX9GD to Antonio A.P.B. Costa, P.O. Box 1476, Macau.

ZS9/ZS0, WALVIS BAY/PENGUIN ISLANDS UPDATE. According to Ian, ZS9A, a tentative day was just announced for Namibia's takeover of both islands

as February 28, 1994. The announcement points out that "many details remain to be worked out", and that this date should be considered as a target date.

40 METER DX NET. Guy, ON4ACG, informs OPDX that Floyd, N5NG (President of the Magnolia DX Association), and himself will be starting a 40 meter DX net October 2nd on 7060/7161 at 0300z. The purpose of the net is to create an international group of friends who are interested in DXing, exchanging DX info; handling, searching and helping with QSLing and QSL information; making skeds and so on..... Everyone is welcome to check in and you will receive a certificate if you check in regularly (FREE! of charge).

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